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SUBJECT: SENIOR LEVEL REVIEW US-POLAND COOPERATION

AGREEMENT IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY-COPERNICUS

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

REF: STATE 126121; WARSAW A-147

1. IN VIEW OF PROJECTED RAPID EXHAUSTION PL-480 FUNDS FOR SUPPORT US-POLAND COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMALLY ENCOURAGING APPROPRIATE GOP AGENCIES TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS. APPROACH TAKEN BY EMBASSY HAS BEEN ALONG LINES OF US-YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT, AS DISCUSSED BY JENKINS AND MORLEY WITH POLISH SCIENCE ATTACHE WOJNICKI ON JUNE 27.

2. IN MEETING AUGUST 6 WITH JERZY CZESNIK, VICE DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION, CZESNIK INDICATED THAT SCIENCE MINISTRY APPRECIATES U.S. CONCERN ABOUT SITUATION, AND IS ALREADY IN CONTACT WITH THE FINANCE MINISTRY ON THIS MATTER. HE ADDED THAT MINISTER KACZMAREK WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS POST-PL-480 ARRANGEMENTS DURING SENIOR LEVEL REVIEW IN MAY 1973 U.S. VISIT, SINCE POSTPONED.

3. ON AUGUST 4, PAN DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONS ANDRZEJ GROMEK STATED THAT PAN WILL INVITE NSF

DIRECTOR STEVER TO GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES FOR COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER, NOW SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT WARSAW ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 14. GROMEK SAID PAN ALSO INTENDS TO SEND INVITATIONS TO NAS PRESIDENT HANDLER AND ALBERT BAER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, IMPERIAL KNIFE ASSOCIATED COMPANIES, INC., WHO IS ACTIVE IN U.S. FUND RAISING FOR EQUIPPING CENTER.

4. SINCE COPERNICUS CENTER CONSTRUCTION WILL OF COURSE BE MADE POSSIBLE AS RESULT OF \$1.3 MILLION SFC GRANT FROM NSF, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT MOST APPROPRIATE THAT DIRECTOR STEVER OR ANOTHER RANKING U.S. SCIENTIFIC OFFICIAL BE PRESENT FOR GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY.

5. TIMING OF INVITATION TO DIRECTOR STEVER APPEARS TO PRESENT EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD SENIOR LEVEL REVIEW SESSION IN POLAND, AT WHICH TIME, INTER ALIA, JOINT FUNDING QUESTION COULD BE PURSUED WITH TOP LEVEL GOP SCIENCE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING KACZMAREK. THIS OF COURSE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF GOP.

6. EMBASSY BELIEVES PRESENCE DIRECTOR STEVER AT HEAD OF SENIOR LEVEL REVIEW DELEGATION TO POLAND NEXT MONTH WOULD ACCELERATE THE INTEREST WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN ABLE TO GENERATE IN CONTINUED, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL S&T COOPERATION BEYOND PL-480 FINANCING. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER DIRECTOR STEVER WOULD ACCEPT PAN INVITATION, PARTICULARLY IF SENIOR LEVEL REVIEW COULD BE SCHEDULED TO COINCIDE WITH VISIT. IF NOT, WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND NSF VIEWS ON OTHER OFFICIAL WHO MIGHT REPRESENT NSF AND OTHER U.S. SCIENCE INTERESTS AT COPERNICUS CEREMONY AND SENIOR LEVEL REVIEW.  
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